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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiya AIKAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2626

Application No.: 09/955,211

Examiner: T. Carter

Filed: September 19, 2001

Docket No.: 032163.02

For: IMAGE READING DEVICE AND METHOD

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 4, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, attached hereto as required is a corrected Amendments to the claims section.

In the Notice, it was indicated that the June 30, 2004 Amendment was non-compliant because claims 1-44 were not present in the Amendment. The attached corrected section corrects this omission by noting that these claims are canceled.

Entry of the attached corrected Amendments to the claims section should overcome the non-compliance of the June 30, 2004 Amendment.

For all the reasons set forth in the June 30, 2004 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 45, 46, 48, 52 and 53 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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